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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 15, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 2 and 10 as shown in the marked-up copy attached to read as follows.

1. (Amended) A liquid crystal display element comprising a front side substrate having a front side electrode, a rear side substrate having a rear side electrode and a liquid crystal layer interposed therebetween wherein the liquid crystal layer is a chiral nematic liquid crystal layer that exhibits a plurality of display states; a display state is changed by a voltage applied across the electrodes, and at least one state among the display states is maintained stably, the liquid crystal display element being characterized in that at least a part of the front side electrode and the front side substrate is transparent; the front side electrode or the rear side electrode is divided into a plurality of electrode regions on its substrate